(ii) If so, whether any bridge is constructed over the said river at the crossing place;

(*b*) Whether it is not a fact that due to heavy floods in the river and on account of the spread of back-water in the Vani Vilasa Sagara, traffic of every kind was held up for more than 10 months the year before last over the said road; and, if so, what convenience have the Government created for passage across the river, which even now is not easily fordable;

(*c*) Whether repeated representations have not been made to Government to undertake the construction of a bridge over the river; and, if so, what action has been taken to remedy this long-standing grievance;

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Department of Public Works have prepared an estimate for rupees one lakh and odd; if so, at what stage the estimate stands;

(*e*) Whether it is not a fact that the Chief Engineer of Mysore had inspected the spot in 1935; if so, what action has been taken to expedite the matter;

(*f*) Whether it is not a fact that the District Board have agreed to pay their quota of contribution towards the construction of this bridge;

(*g*) Whether it is not a fact that Government have been pleased to agree to make adequate provision in their budget for 1935-36 towards the construction of this bridge?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—42. (*a*) (i) The answer is in the affirmative.

(ii) No bridge has yet been constructed.

(*b*) There was some inconvenience for traffic during a few months. The President, District Board, was requested to open a ferry service.

(*c*) Yes. Alternative estimates for the construction of a bridge are prepared.

(*d*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,10,000 for a girder bridge on screw piles has been prepared and the same is under scrutiny in the Superintending Engineer's Office.

(*e*) Yes, an alternative estimate for a screw pile bridge, as per Chief Engineer's instructions, has been prepared and it is under scrutiny as stated above.

(*f*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*g*) No. A provision of Rs. 10,000 has been made in the draft budget for 1936-37.

MR. CHANNAGIRI RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that survey operations to electrify Davangere town (through Honnali) are being conducted;

(*b*) If so, when the said operations began and when they may be expected to be completed;

(*c*) (i) What the cost of such electrification might come to;

(ii) Whether funds for the purpose would be provided for in the budget of the next year;

(*d*) Whether there is power enough to meet the requirements at Sivasamudram and to spare for Davangere town as well;

(*e*) What arrangements have been made if there is no power to so spare;

(*f*) Whether Government are aware that the Davangere Municipal Council have been praying for the electrification of the town for the past several years and that they have furnished the necessary guarantee in this behalf;

(*g*) What all arrangements have been made to electrify Davangere town and what progress has been made so far?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—43. (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) (i) The estimated cost is about Rs. 6·7 lakhs.

(ii) Yes.

(*d*) Not at present.

(*e*) Arrangements are being made to instal additional plant at Sivasamudram.

(*f*) Yes. Necessary guarantee has not been furnished.

(*g*) Detailed estimates for distribution are under preparation.

MR. JATHARE NAIK (Minorities).—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of Banajara families in the State;

(*b*) Out of these, how many possess their own lands for cultivation and how many do not;

(*c*) How many cultivate the lands like *shikmidars*;

(*d*) How many are dependent upon others;

(*e*) How many families eke out their livelihood merely by cooly work? (Talukwar details to be furnished).

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—44. (*a*) Information about the number of families is not available. The total population of Banajaras is 61,368 (both Tribal and Hindu) according to the Census of 1931.

(*b*) and (*c*) Precise information is not available. Reference is, however, invited to the Census Report of 1931 which gives the following particulars:—

	No.
(1) Cultivating owners	9,963
(2) Tenant cultivators	3,172
(3) Agricultural labourers	7,181

(*d*) and (*e*) Information is not available.

MR. JATHARE NAIK (Minorities).—

Q.—45. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether with a view to encourage the communities who were very backward in their social, moral, religious, economic, hygienic and political life, the Government did not include Banajaras under depressed classes and help them by granting proper concessions;

(*b*) Are there not touchables and untouchables among them?